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DCR SCHEDULES A COMMUNITY MEETING TO DISCUSS THE MYSTIC RIVER RESERVATION MASTER PLAN

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has scheduled a public meeting on Monday evening, June 16, to discuss details of the proposed Mystic River Reservation Master Plan.

The meeting, in the William A. Shoemaker Boat House at Tufts University in Medford, will include a presentation of the draft Master Plan followed by smaller-group discussions of specific topics, such as recreation programming, conservation plans, pathways, and riverfront access.

The Mystic River Reservation stretches for several miles along the Mystic River in Medford, between the confluence of Alewife Brook and the Mystic River and the Route 99 bridge that crosses the Mystic River between Everett and Boston. The Master Plan area includes DCR land as well as other public and private lands that connect significant recreation or conservation areas.

Currently, no comprehensive master plan for the entire Mystic River basin exists. DCR believes such a plan is needed to guide development along the river while reflecting public recreation needs and wildlife and ecological concerns.

The goal of the plan is to develop short- and long-term development, programming, and management strategies to enhance the recreational, ecological, cultural, visual, and architectural resources within the Mystic River Reservation. Both passive and active recreation opportunities will be promoted and enhanced, while the river is protected as a living system.

DCR is committed to involving the public in developing the plan. Here are the details on the public meeting:

WHAT: Public meeting on the proposed Mystic River Reservation Master Plan

WHEN: Monday, June 16
6-8 p.m.

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WHERE: Tufts University
William A. Shoemaker Boat House
300 River's Edge Drive
(also 177 Corporation Way on google.com)

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